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## The British Columbian.

NEW WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1864.  
DIRECT STEAM COMMUNICATION.

In the course of a discussion in the Vancouver Assembly upon the propriety of voting a subsidy for a line of British steamers to run between Panama and these Colonies, Mr. Young said: "As to British Columbia he believed that she would only pay her proportion of a subsidy by the steamers running to New Westminster, and he believed it a commercial impossibility for vessels sufficiently large to pay to get up to New Westminster." The junior member for Victoria may entertain very large views respecting the paying size of vessels, and his overweening vanity may also have led him into the ludicrous mistake of fancying that he is better authority than Capt. Richards and other high authority as to the navigation to New Westminster. Have the Victoria lots owned by the Colonial Secretary so completely blinded his eyes and warped his judgment as to make him the dupe of such a silly hallucination, or have they so corrupted his moral perception as to qualify him to stand in his place in the Legislative Hall and give deliberate utterance to what he knows to be utterly false? Does he not know that H. M. ship of war *Camden*, drawing 16 feet, steamed in at half-tide about three months ago without experiencing the slightest difficulty—that H. M. ship *Heate* has done the same thing? The truth of the matter is that all this ado about the impracticability of the navigation to this port has its origin with Victoria "land sharks." They know very well that to establish direct steam communication between this port and San Francisco or Panama is to topple over the beautiful castles they have reared, and take away their gods. We may be pardoned for taking advantage of this little circumstance for the purpose of doing what we have often done before: considering the character of the navigation to New Westminster.

The frequent allusion to Capt. Richards as authority upon this subject is simply owing to the fact that that officer was entrusted with the command of H. M. surveying ship *Plumper*, which was employed for four years in making a survey of the coast, harbors, &c., of this Colony, and from his position and experience he is not only the best authority in the world, but is removed most completely above any of those local interests which sometimes bias the judgment of other men. And what does Capt. Richards say respecting this harbor and the entrance thereto? In the "Notice to Mariners," issued from the Colonial Secretary's office—the very same functionary who now states in his place in the House of Assembly that it is "a commercial impossibility for vessels sufficiently large to pay to get up to New Westminster,"—he says: "By attention to these directions, a vessel drawing from 15 to 16 feet may enter the Fraser with safety at half-tide." And again, in a communication addressed to the Municipal Council of this city he says:

"I may be permitted at the same time to observe that however highly you may estimate our services, it is yet to natural causes alone that the Fraser owes its immunity from dangers and difficulties almost always incident to the navigation of Bar Harbors. Effectually sheltered and protected as it is, in common with nearly 300 miles of the coast of British Columbia, by the natural breakwater which the sister colony affords, your noble river is accessible at most times to vessels of from 18 to 20 feet draught and 1000 tons, subject only to occasional inconsiderable delay at certain stages of tide.

It is free from risk of life and property in a higher degree than any river I am acquainted with on the western side of this continent, and when a light-vessel is established at the Sand Heads, marked by permanent buoys, the seaman may guide his vessel through at all times with ease and safety."

Again, in a book entitled "Vancouver Island Pilot," published by Capt. Richards, we find the following:

"FRASER RIVER, in point of magnitude and present commercial importance, is second only to the Columbia on the north-west coast of America. In its entire freedom from risk of life and shipwreck it possesses infinite advantages over any other river on the coast, and the cause of this immunity from the dangers and inconveniences to which all great rivers emptying themselves on an exposed coast are subject, is sufficiently obvious. A sheltered strait, scarcely fifteen miles across, receives its waters; and the neighboring Island of Vancouver serves as a natural breakwater, preventing the possibility of any sea arising which would prove dangerous to vessels even of the smallest class.

To the same cause may be attributed in a great measure the fixed and unvarying character of the shoals through which this magnificent stream pursues its undeviating course into the strait of Georgia; and there can be little doubt that it is destined, at no distant period, to fulfil to the utmost, as it is already partially fulfilling, the purposes for which nature ordained it—the outlet for the products of a great country, whose riches in mineral and agricultural wealth are daily being more fully discovered and developed.

Vessels of from 18 to 20 feet draught may enter the Fraser and proceed as high as Langley or a few miles above it with ease, provided they have or are assisted by steam power; the only difficulty is at the entrance, and this is easily overcome by providing pilots and the means of maintaining the buoys in their positions. The great freshets of summer have created an extensive series of banks, which extend 5 miles outside the entrance proper of the river. The main stream has forced an almost straight though somewhat narrow channel through these banks, and at its junction with the current of the strait of Georgia, which runs at right angles to it, has caused the wall-edged bank before alluded to, extending to Roberts point on the south and Grey point on the north."

We may be excused the digression to remark, by way of contrast, that in the same work we find the following description of the entrance to Victoria harbor:

"The entrance to Victoria harbor is shoal, narrow and intricate, and with S.W. or S.E. gales a heavy rolling swell sets on the coast, which renders the anchorage outside unsafe, while vessels of burthen cannot run in for shelter unless at or near high water."

Considerations of space compel us to reserve further remarks upon this subject for a future occasion.

## New Advertisements.

**WILLIAM CLARKSON,**  
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Collector of Accounts,  
AND GENERAL AGENT.

THE SUBSCRIBER, from five years' experience in this Colony, feels confidence in offering his services in any of the above lines of business.

Particular attention will be paid to purchasing, selling and leasing property, negotiating loans and transacting general Real Estate business.

UNEXCEPTIONABLE REFERENCES given when desired.  
OFFICE—On Columbia Street.  
WILLIAM CLARKSON.  
New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 11, 1863. del2-1c

**WOODCOCK & HAND,**  
[Late W. BLACKBURN]  
BLACKSMITHS, &c.,  
New Westminster, B. C.

WOODCOCK & HAND respectfully beg to inform the inhabitants of New Westminster that they have taken over the above business, and are now prepared to execute with dispatch all orders with which they may be favored.

New Westminster, October 29, 1863. oc31-1c

**To the Nervous and Debilitated.**  
DR. CURTIS, author of the Medical Treatise, "MANHOOD: the Cause of its Premature Decline," &c., will, on receipt of \$1, send per return of mail, to any part of the Province, his invaluable remedy for the cure of seminal weakness, or Spermatorrhoea, &c., together with full instructions. All who are suffering from nocturnal emissions, should immediately procure the above remedy, which Dr. C. guarantees will cure any case under seven years standing, in eight days.

Address Dr. RALPH CURTIS, M.R.C.S. & P., Box 773 P. O. Toronto, C. W.

N. B.—All letters must invariably be addressed to "DR. RALPH CURTIS" to avoid mistake, otherwise disappointment may be caused.

Toronto, Sept. 1863. no14-3m

**W. J. ARMSTRONG,**  
COLUMBIA STREET,  
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IMPORTER,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN  
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,  
HARDWARE, CROCKERY,  
CLASSWARE, AND  
Oilman's Stores.

Would call the particular attention of Up-river Merchants, Steamboat Owners and others to his Stock, and ascertain the prices before purchasing elsewhere.

N. B.—Fresh Garden Seeds Just received and for sale.  
W. J. ARMSTRONG.  
New Westminster, March 27th, 1863. ma28-1c

## New Advertisements.

**EXPRESS.**  
**DIETZ & NELSON'S**  
British Columbia & Victoria Express,  
CONNECTING AT VICTORIA WITH  
Wells Fargo & Co.,  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA, OREGON, ATLANTIC STATES & EUROPE;  
AND AT YALE AND LILLOOET WITH  
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FOR

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CONVEYING Treasure, Valuables, Letters, Packages and Parcels;  
PURCHASING of Drafts and Bills of Exchange from Wells Fargo & Co., and other Banking Houses;  
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ATTENDING to the Registration of Mortgages, Deeds, and other Documents, the Assaying of Gold Dust, Silver and other Ores;  
PARTICULAR attention given to the purchasing of Goods at New Westminster, B. C., and Victoria, V. I., on the most favorable terms, and shipping to destination;  
LANDING WAREHOUSES Prepared and Goods passed through the Custom House without delay.

New Westminster, March 13th, 1863. ma14-1c

**ERNEST PIGHT,**  
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OLD TOM—Different brands;  
WINE—Port, Sherry, California wines, various brands;  
CHAMPAGNE, PORTER & ALES—Different brands;  
SYRUPS & BITTERS—All kinds;  
HAVANNA SEGARS—Different brands.

**ERNEST PIGHT,**  
New Westminster, B. C.,  
Brewer and Maltster,  
AND DEALER IN  
Brewer Stock;  
**DISTILLER**  
AND DEALER IN  
DOUBLE REFINED SPIRITS,  
40° over proof, superior to any;  
—ALSO—  
REFINED ALCOHOL:  
in Tins, 95 per cent.  
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—AND—  
**THE VIGOR OF YOUTH RESTORED!**  
IN FOUR WEEKS, BY  
DR. SICOTTE'S ESSENCE OF LIFE.

DR. SICOTTE (OF PARIS) AFTER YEARS OF earnest solicitation, has at length succeeded to the urgent request of the American public, and appointed an Agent in Toronto for the sale of his valued and highly prized Essence of Life. This wonderful agent will restore Manhood to the most shattered constitutions, whether arising from excesses, the effects of climate, or natural causes. The time required to cure the most inveterate case is four weeks; and, if used according to printed instructions, which are very simple, failure is impossible. This life-restoring remedy should be taken by all about to marry, as its effects are permanent. It is acknowledged by the medical press to be the greatest discovery ever made. Its developing powers are as that science overthrows ignorance.

Dr. Sicotte's Essence of Life is sold in cases, with full instructions for use, at \$3, or four quantities in one for \$9, and will be sent to any part, carefully packed, on receipt of remittance to his accredited agent.

JAMES HIBBERT,  
King Street, Toronto, C. W.  
Toronto, Sept. 1863. no14-3m

**ANDERSON & Co.,**  
HAVE NOW IN STOCK and will keep continuously  
Byass Porter and Ale, Martell and other Brandies,  
Scotch Whiskey, Rum, &c.  
WHARF ST., VICTORIA.  
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## New Advertisements.

**TILTON & McFARLAND'S**  
NEWLY IMPROVED  
Fire and Burglar Proof  
SAFES AND VAULTS.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN APPOINTED sole Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia for the above mentioned celebrated Safes and Vaults, now beg to intimate that they have always an assortment on hand for sale.

Persons wishing to be secure in their possession of Books, Papers, and other Valuables, should lose no time in supplying themselves with one of Tilton & McFarland's Fire and Burglar Proof Safes or Vaults.

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no25-1m

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WITH  
BEDS AND LIQUORS,

AND having engaged the best Cooks on the Pacific Coast, are prepared to furnish the travelling public with all the comforts and luxuries of a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, at greatly reduced rates.

N. B.—Travellers will find it to their advantage to patronize this House, as none but the best of everything will be furnished.

P. SMITH & CO.  
Pemberton, Sept. 12th, 1862. sep3

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**DRESS MAKER,**  
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The latest Ladies' Fashions from Paris on hand, an inspection of which is respectfully invited

ma18 1m

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**GOVERNMENT BAKERY**  
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THE UNDERSIGNED, having taken over the above business from Mr. P. Hick, hopes, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of public patronage.

Orders for Weddings and Parties promptly attended to.

W. HARVEY.  
New Westminster, Dec. 4, 1863. de5-1c\*

**THE PROPRIETORS**  
OF THE  
**COLUMBIA HOTEL!**

Columbia Street, New Westminster,  
BEG TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS and the Travelling Public that there will be every attention received at the above Hotel.

**MEALS AT ALL HOURS.**  
The substantial and delicacies of the season will always be found on the Table, and every possible comfort afforded to the Traveller.

P. S.—The Bar will be supplied with the best of Liquors.

DEAS, DAWSON & CO.,  
Proprietors.  
oc31-1c

**COAL! COAL!!**

FOR SALE!—The cargo of the schooner "Meg Merrilies," in quantities to suit, at \$13 per ton.

L. HOYT.  
New Westminster, Dec. 4, 1863. de5-1c

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**MANAGER AND ACTUARY,**  
**PERCY M. DOVE, ESQ.**

THE DIRECTORS HAVE APPOINTED THE UNDERSIGNED their Agents for

Vancouver Island & British Columbia, and will now accept proposals for Insurance both in the

**Fire and Life Departments.**

They feel confident that the known Standing and Character of this Office, the sound principles on which it is established and the magnitude of its resources, will obtain for it a fair share of public patronage.

**James Dickson, Esq., M. D.,** has been appointed Medical Examiner to the Life Branch.

**ANDERSON & CO.,**  
Wharf Street.  
Victoria, 20th January, 1863. ja24

**BALMORAL SEED STORE**  
—AND—  
**Nursery Depot,**  
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MY STOCK OF SEEDS, TREES, PLANTS, &c., being now very complete, Farmers and Merchants are invited to call and examine for themselves. Country and British Columbia Merchants supplied at the lowest wholesale rates.

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J. BEGG,  
ap18tc Balmoral Nursery Depot, Fort St., Victoria.

**J. H. BROWN & J. ELLARD**

BEG TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS AND THE Public generally that they have taken of Mr. J. T. Scott, for a term of years, the well-known and old-established

**Pioneer Billiard Saloon!**

On Lytton Square,

and hope, by strict attention, the very best quality of Liquors, and a comfortable and well-regulated Saloon, to merit a share of Public patronage.

The Billiard Tables are Phelan's best, and the Saloon is everything that can be desired for a quiet game.

New Westminster, October 30, 1863. oc31

**REMOVED!**

**J. A. WEBSTER**  
Has removed to his new Stone Building. 26

**MUSIC! MUSIC!!**

JUST RECEIVED, a choice lot of SHEET MUSIC, at CLARKSON & Co.'s.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING—J. C. White.  
MUNICIPAL NOTICE—Valentine Hall.  
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY—John Murray.  
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.  
LOWE BROTHERS—Commission Merchants, &c.  
NOTICE—G. Vignolo & Co.

## The British Columbian.

NEW WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1864.  
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PRIZE ESSAY.

It will be within the memory of those of our readers who saw the *Evening Express*, if there are any such, for we believe that paper has but one solitary subscriber in this city, that the reverend author of the Prize Essay on British Columbia was to have confounded his enemies on his return from Cariboo. And although several months have elapsed since that event yet it was not till the 22nd ult. that the political parson, of St. Mary's managed to issue his "Bull." It was not sent, as one would naturally have expected, to this the only journal published in the Colony, but to the above named obscure sheet published in another Colony. The probable explanation of this is the fact that the paper alluded to was the only one in either Colony that had a word to offer in defence of its reverend *protege*; and the fact that that paper now publishes Mr. Brown's letter without a word of comment, indicates the estimation in which it is held even by the champion of its author.

The letter itself, which we publish on the fourth page, in order that the public may have an opportunity of reading it, is certainly a very lame, tame, and under all the circumstances, extraordinary document. The writer sets out by pleading guilty to all the counts in the indictment, and proceeds to explain why these changes were made in the Essay, and how, in re-writing it, after a lapse of nine months, he came to leave out a severe stricture upon the Government and, in its stead, insert a passage containing a gross insult to the people of New Westminster. He says, in fact, that the experience of nine months served to convince him that what was a very defective and bad government was a very good one. Mr. Brown thinks it of very little consequence whether the published Essay differed from the one accepted by the arbitrators. Suppose we were to obtain one of his sermons, change some important doctrinal sentences so as to make him say the very opposite of what he did say, and issue it to the world labelled "A Sermon preached by the Rev. R. C. Lundin Brown," how would he like it? Would he deem it of little consequence? The Government, according to the terms of the advertisement inviting these Essays, had a perfect right to publish the accepted one or not; but they had no right to have it materially altered so as to contain sentiments the very reverse of the original, and publish the spurious copy as the "Government Prize Essay." To do so was to perpetrate a gross fraud upon the public and commit a moral forgery, by lending the sanction of the gentlemen composing the Board of arbitrators to a spurious document, of which they could not approve and to which they would not have awarded a prize.

Mr. Brown's attempt to explain, what perhaps possesses the least importance—the insult offered to the people of this city—is a most awkward affair, and only tends to aggravate the offence. He says he used the term "an influential clique" to describe the party here that was dissatisfied with the Government, simply because "no expression occurred to him at the time more accurately defining the position occupied by this party." If Mr. Brown is sufficiently acquainted with the party he thus offensively describes to give an opinion at all, he cannot but know that it comprises at the very least nineteen-twentieths of the population of this city, a city having as large a fixed population as the entire balance of the Colony, and including nearly all the adherents of the church to which he belongs! So unanimous were the people upon all our leading political questions that at large public meetings it was frequently suggested to start a sham opposition purely for the purpose of relieving the monotony by raising some discussion. If, therefore, so large and unanimous a community is truthfully described when designated a small, and influential clique the reverend Essayist is correct in fact, however he may err in taste. But we feel assured the public generally will agree with us in characterizing the assertion as false, impertinent and quite unbecoming a gentleman and a clergyman.

Mr. Brown may have substantial personal rea-

sons for so suddenly and radically changing his opinion respecting the Government; but he has no right to publish these new views to the world under the authority of a Board of Judges who are utterly opposed to them, and who are personally insulted by them. Query:—How much had the grant of \$1000 out of the Colonial Treasury, for the purpose of building St. Mary's Church and Parsonage, to do with the sudden change in Mr. Brown's political views?

Mr. Brown says he asked and received permission of the Government to revise the Essay, and was, at the same time, requested to cut it down to about half its former dimension, leaving it to be inferred that he and he only made the alterations, and thus kindly relieving the Government of all responsibility. But it is rather unfortunate for the reverend gentleman that the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works distinctly stated that the Essay was sent up to him from Victoria by the Government for publication, but with so many erasures and amendments that he felt it his duty to forward it to the author for his sanction, and in order that he might prepare a fair copy for the press, and that in doing so he fully expected that the changes, many of which were of a most glaring character, would be rejected; but to his (the Chief Commissioner's) no small surprise there was no objection raised. Mr. Brown having re-written it and returned it to the publisher, thereby endorsing the changes! This statement was made casually and antecedent to the newspaper discussion. How will Mr. Brown reconcile this with the impression he seeks to make in his letter? In dismissing this dirty affair, we hope forever, we would advise this reverend political Essayist, if he does not possess sufficient grace to make a clean breast of it and acknowledge his weakness, not to attempt to write any more letters in explanation, as every such attempt can only tend to sink him deeper in the mire.

## New Advertisements.

## TENDERS

ARE INVITED until FRIDAY NOON, for the construction of a Cottage, according to Plans & Specifications to be seen at Mr. J. C. White, Architect. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. ja27-11m Address—J. C. WHITE, Architect.

## Sons of Saint Andrew!

A MEETING of the ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY will be held in the Columbia Hotel on Saturday evening, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock, p. m. JOHN MURRAY, Secretary. ja27-2c

## Royal Insurance Company. NOTICE.

AN OFFICER of the Royal Insurance Company, from the Victoria Agency (Anderson & Co.), with powers (after inspection) to accept Fire risks and issue Policies, will be at the Colonial Hotel, in this city, on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 2nd, and will return to Victoria by the same trip of the "Enterprise." Citizens who intend to ensure against Fire risks will do well to profit by this visit of an agent for so well known an Insurance Company. ja27-2c

## MUNICIPAL NOTICE!

## TO CONTRACTORS!

TENDERS will be received until Monday the 1st day of February for cutting down all the Brushwood and Timber on the undermentioned Lots, viz:—Lots 23, 27 and 28; Block V. Each Lot to be tendered for separately. Specifications can be seen at this office. By order, VALENTINE HALL, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, Jan. 26, 1864. ja27-1d

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## Groceries and Provisions,

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Importers and Agents for the best brands of French Wines and Liquors, and are constantly in receipt of direct shipments of Havana Cigars.

RIED'S BLOCK, WHARF STREET.  
ja27-2c

## NOTICE!

ON THE FIRST INSTANT we transferred to Messrs. Lowe Brothers all our interest in the business heretofore carried on by us as Merchants in Wharf Street, and all those who are indebted to us are hereby notified that Messrs. Lowe Brothers are authorized to collect the amounts due to us.

G. VIGNOLO & CO.  
Victoria, January 8, 1864.

REFERRING TO THE ABOVE, we hereby give notice that we have assumed the business of Messrs. G. Vignolo & Co., which will be carried on as usual at the premises, No. 2, Ried's Block, Wharf Street.  
ja27-1m LOWE BROTHERS.

## NOTICE!

WHEREAS Letters of Administration upon the estate of John Walker, deceased and intestate, have been granted by the Supreme Court, and dated the 12th December, 1863, all persons having claims against, or indebted to, the estate of the said deceased are hereby required to forward an account of, and to settle, the same, respectively, on or before the 1st of February, 1864. Address, at the Post Office, New Westminster, and after that date, and until the 1st of April next, at Ried's Block, Cariboo. ALEXANDER NELSON, Administrator.

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## BLANK WORK IN GREAT VARIETY,

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Letter, Note and Official Envelopes,

## MUSIC &amp; MUSIC PAPER,

DRAWING AND TRACING PAPER AND CLOTH,

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Pocket and Counting House Diaries for 1864.

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And a variety of other Fancy and Staple Stationery,  
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## LOCHLOMOND HOUSE!

AT THE

## Seventy-four-mile Post

ON THE

## Lillooet-Alexander Road.

THE PROPRIETOR calls the attention of travellers to Cariboo to this House, which is just opened for the travelling public, where GOOD MEALS can be had at all hours, with all the delicacies of the season.

## THE BAR

will contain CIVILITY, and the best

## LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

This is the first house within 15 miles where good water can be obtained, and, being 27 miles above the Junction, affords a comfortable and convenient stopping place.

Packers, Stagers and Teamsters are informed that they will find good stabling and the best of provender, as well as an excellent run for cattle on the grounds. The strictest attention will be paid to the comfort of those who may patronize the Lochlomond House.

JOHN MCMURPHY,  
Lochlomond, British Columbia, March, 1863. to.

## THOMAS ARGYLE,

## GUNSMITH

—AND—  
GENERAL JOBBING SMITH,

FRONT STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER,  
(IN MR. HOMER'S LATE OFFICE.)

T. ARGYLE respectfully begs to announce to the inhabitants of New Westminster and its vicinity that he is prepared to execute with neatness and dispatch all kinds of work in the above lines.

RIFLES, FOWLING PIECES & PISTOLS  
cleaned and kept in repair on the most reasonable terms.  
New Westminster, Dec. 29, 1863. de30-1c

## New Advertisements.

NEW STORE!  
NEW GOODS & GOOD GOODS!

THE UNDERSIGNED, having commenced business in the Store formerly occupied by Dr. Jones, and directly opposite the COLONIAL HOTEL, would beg to call the attention of the people of New Westminster, and the Public generally, to their Large and Choice assortment of Goods, just received, which will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE FIGURES. The Stock consists in part of

Gents' Frock, Sack and Tweed Coats;  
Tweed and Cassimere Suits; Pants,  
Vests, &c., &c. Overcoats, Inverness Capes, Hats, Caps, and

AN ENDLESS VARIETY OF GENTLEMEN'S UNDERCLOTHING, ETC.

Baltic Shirts, Grey Serge Shirts,  
White Shirts, Collars, Ties,  
Scarfs, Hosiery, etc.

A LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF

## Ladies' Gents' &amp; Children's Boots &amp; Shoes

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, SIZE, PRICE & QUALITY.

An early call will convince those who wish to purchase that now is the time for Bargains.

CLUTE & MAJOR.  
New Westminster, Dec. 4, 1863. de5-1c

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## RESTAURANT

## COLUMBIA STREET,

OPPOSITE MR. HOLBROOK'S NEW WAREHOUSE.

THE UNDERSIGNED respectfully begs to announce that he has opened the above establishment, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit a share of Public patronage.

THE CULINARY DEPARTMENT is under the personal superintendence of a professional Cook, who has had many years' experience in noblemen's families. THE VIANDS will always be of the best descriptions, embracing all the delicacies of the season.

Blancmanges, Jellies and Ices Prepared to Order.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DINNERS PROVIDED.  
L. F. BONSON,  
Proprietor. de9-1c

## BENSON'S WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Opinions of the London Press upon Benson's Great Clock and Watches in the Exhibition, 1862.

"As a sample of English clock-work on a large scale, the works of this are probably the finest finished that have ever been seen in this country. No Chronometer could be fitted with more perfect or carefully adjusted mechanism."

"Some of them are of great beauty; and if the English watch-trade only follow up with the same spirit and success this first attempt to compete with foreigners in decorative watches, there seems to be no reason why we should not get the trade entirely into our own hands."—*Times*, June 23, 1862.

Ranged around the base of the clock were the Watches which Mr. Benson exhibited, and which have been universally admired for the beauty and elegance of the designs engraved upon them. The movements are of the finest quality which the art of horology is at present capable of producing. The clock and watches were objects of great attraction, and well repaid the trouble of an inspection."—*Illustrated London News*, November 8, 1862.

Watches, adapted for every class, climate and country, wholesale and retail. Chronometer, Duplex, Lever, Horizontal, Vertical, Repeating, Centre Seconds, Keyless, Astronomical, Reversible and Chronograph, from 200 guineas to 3 guineas each.

Clocks.—Drawing Room, Dining Room, Bed Room, Library, Hall, Staircase, Bracket, Carriage, Chimney, Musical, Astronomical, Church, Turret, Stable, Railway, Post-office, Shop, Warehouse, Office or Counting-house, from 1,000 guineas to £1 1s. each.

BENSON'S LONDON MADE WATCHES.	GOLD CASES.		SILVER CASES.	
	Open Face.	Hunters.	Open Face.	Hunters.
Patent Lever, jewelled.....	£ 12 12	£ 15 15	£ 8 8	£ 6 6
Do. do. 4 jewels.....	10 10	12 12	7 7	5 5
Do. do. finely finished, 6 jewels.....	19 19	23 23	10 10	13 13
Do. do. extra, 8 jewels.....	24 24	27 27	12 12	15 15
3/4 Plate Lever, jewelled.....	15 15	18 18	9 9	11 11
Do. do. 6 jewels.....	19 19	22 22	10 10	12 12
Do. do. 8 jewels.....	24 24	27 27	12 12	15 15
Do. do. extra, 10 jewels.....	28 28	32 32	14 14	17 17
Do. do. 12 jewels.....	32 32	36 36	16 16	19 19

BENSON'S INDIAN WATCH.—A first-class London-made Lever, Compensation-Balance, adjusted for hot climates: Silver Cases, Open Face, £11 11. Hunters, £12 12. Gold Cases, Open Face, £25 0. Hunters, £30 0.

FOREIGN WATCHES WARRANTED.—Silver Cases, at £3 3s., £4 4s., £5 5s., £6 6s. each.  
Ditto—Gold Cases, £5 5s., £7 7s., £9 9s., £12 12s.

Benson's Illustrated Watch Pamphlet will be sent Post free for Six Stamps, contains a short history of Watchmaking, with description and prices of every kind of Watch now made, and from which merchants and others can select and have their orders sent by post to India, the Colonies, or any part of the world.

Post-office Orders, Bankers' Drafts, or Bills upon London Houses must be payable and addressed to

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WATCH & CLOCK MANUFACTORY,

33 & 34, LUDGATE HILL, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1794. em-wr

## New Advertisements.

## LADIES' SCHOOL

MRS. MORESBY is prepared to receive a few Young Ladies as boarders. Parents entrusting their children to her care may be assured that they will enjoy all the comforts of a home. Boys under eight years of age received.

TERMS:—\$30 a month, payable in advance, which will include the usual routine of an English Education, Writing and Arithmetic.

French, Music, and other accomplishments extra.

REFERENCES:  
The Ven. The Archdeacon of Columbia, and Rev. J. Sheepshanks.

LILLOOET.—The Rev. H. C. Brown.

HOPE.—The Rev. A. C. Pringle.

YALE.—The Rev. H. Reeve, and E. H. Sanders, Esq., Resident Magistrate.

New Westminster, B. C., Nov. 10, 1863. no11-3m

## MACLURE &amp; TURNBULL,

(LATE OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.)

## Surveyors, Civil Engineers,

## Auctioneers, Land and General Agents,

OFFICE ON COLUMBIA ST., NEW WESTMINSTER,  
Opposite Mr. Holbrook's Store.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, in devoting attention to the above branches of business believe that, from many years service in various parts of the British Empire, they possess such a thorough knowledge of the Surveying and Engineering profession as will warrant them in soliciting public patronage.

JOHN MACLURE,  
JAMES TURNBULL.

New Westminster, B. C.,  
November 24, 1863. no4-1c

## HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

## CUNNINGHAM BROS.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO Direct, a large and well selected Stock of

## HARDWARE, STOVES, COAL OIL,

## COAL OIL LAMPS &amp; CHIMNEYS.

ALSO,  
A FULL AND COMPLETE SET OF TINNERS' TOOLS AND MACHINES;

And having secured the services of a first class tinsmith they are prepared to contract for

## Roofing, Gutters, Leaders, and Plumbing of all Descriptions.

Jobbing attended to with NEATNESS & DISPATCH. Orders from the Interior promptly executed.

They have also received, direct from England, Ex Ship "Dusty Miller."

## Spear &amp; Jackson's Hand, Pannel,

## Ripping and Crosscut Saws;

## Taper, and Mill Saw Files;

## Curtis &amp; Harvy's Blasting and Sporting Powder.

New Westminster, October 27, 1863. oc28-1c

## THE FRANKLIN HOUSE!

[Next door to the Pioneer Saloon]

## Front Street, New Westminster

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having purchased the above establishment and re-furnished it complete, are now ready to receive Boarders and Lodgers. The beds will be looked after by Mrs. M., so that strangers and visitors can rely upon being comfortably accommodated.

## MEALS AT ALL HOURS,

served up in every style.

## Private Dinners and Suppers Promptly Attended to, &amp;c., &amp;c.

MUSSELLWHITE & DAVIS,  
Proprietors. oc31-1c

## BROKENBROW &amp; ARMSTRONG,

HAVING PURCHASED THE BUTCHERING BUSINESS of CLARK & Co., hope, by strict attention to business, and keeping constantly on hand meat of the best quality, to merit a share of Public patronage.

Stand.—On Columbia Street, opposite Mr. Holbrook's store building.

New Westminster, Nov. 16, 1863. no18-1c

## W. GRIEVE,

## Tailor and Clothier,

Two Doors East of the Colonial Hotel,  
Columbia Street.

ALL ORDERS entrusted to his care promptly attended to, and work finished in the latest style. 43

## J. C. WHITE,

## ARCHITECT AND DRAUGHTSMAN!

IS NOW PREPARED TO DRAW UP PLANS OF Buildings, Specifications, Estimates, &c., on the Shortest Notice.

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## QUARTZ LODGE.

A GENTLEMAN representing capital is desirous of information from any parties who can treat for the sale of an auriferous QUARTZ LODGE, accessible to heavy machinery, in the Colony of British Columbia. It must have been proved to be extensive, with a good legal claim. Address—"B. N. A." care of W. E. Cormack, New Westminster. de16-1m

## COAL! COAL!!

FOR SALE!—The cargo of the schooner "Meg Merries," in quantities to suit, at \$13 per ton.



## Important to Business Men in Victoria, California, Portland, and Places on the Sound!

This Journal is the only newspaper published in British Columbia, and is read by every business man from New Westminster to the Rocky Mountains, and is unrivalled as an advertising medium for all Colonies. W. F. HENNE, in Victoria, and T. B. BORD, in San Francisco, are our authorized Agents.

## The British Columbian.

NEW WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1864.

**ERRATUM.**—In an article in our last issue, upon the opening of the Legislative Council, through an oversight on the part of the proof reader, we were made to say, "a British Peer, when occupying the position of Speaker of the House of Commons, &c." which, of course, should have been House of Lords.

## THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

The speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor in opening the first Legislative Council of British Columbia, and which we published on Saturday, although verbose and containing no allusion to several measures of the most vital importance to this Colony, is, nevertheless, a respectable document, as Royal speeches go. It would be wonderful, indeed, if a document of such length, and emanating from the source it does, did not contain something from which we would dissent. The allusion to the native tribes, and the policy respecting them, is very pretty, and looks well on paper, but, unfortunately, is not supported by facts. The mode by which His Excellency proposes "to give effect to Her Majesty's instructions, enjoining that due attention be paid to the encouragement of religion and morality," is not only in direct opposition to the express instructions of Her Majesty's Minister of State for the Colonies touching the same, but is entirely unacceptable and obnoxious to the colonists. We shall have more to say on this subject anon. The proposed change by which shares in mines will be made "convertible like other property by sale or mortgage," and for which we presume the Government will introduce a Bill during the present Session, is a subject upon which we are not now prepared to express a decided opinion. If the miners, or a majority of them, are in favor of such a change we have no objections to offer, believing, as we do, that they are the best judges of what will conduce to their interests as a class. So far as we have been able to learn, however, we are inclined to the opinion that such a measure would by no means be acceptable to the miners generally; and we think we can see how it would lead to the most injurious and oppressive results. A similar measure was proposed in California, but was strongly opposed by the miners, and consequently, was never enacted. The speech, as we have said, does not contain the slightest allusion to some of the most important Colonial measures, such as a re-construction of the tariff, abolition of the tonnage dues, a postal system for the Colony, an export tax upon gold, a light ship at the mouth of the Fraser, direct steam communication, a reduction and consolidation of road tolls, and a geological survey of the Colony. There is one omission, however, which must be gratifying to the people of this Colony, viz., the subject of a union with Vancouver Island. The Governor's reticence upon that topic would seem to indicate the abandonment of the insane project.

## THE WAR.

The war news is to the 16th inst., but is not of a very startling character:

Gen. Thomas has issued orders assessing \$30,000 on rebel sympathizers living within ten miles of the recent murder of three soldiers near Mulberry, the money to be divided between the families of the soldiers killed.

New York, January 10.—A letter from East Tennessee, Dec. 18th, says our forces have been driven back from Bull's Station by Longstreet, and our losses in four days' skirmishing reached about 200 men, besides a few wagons. Rebel prisoners state that Longstreet is reinforced, and had been ordered to take Knoxville at all hazards. Longstreet has 40,000 men. Gen. Foster is at Knoxville, and Gen. Peck commands in the field.

New York, January 12.—There was a destructive fire last night on Nos. 51 and 57 Beckman street, inclusive, which were almost entirely destroyed. The loss is at least \$200,000. The buildings destroyed were five-story marble fronts, extending 175 feet in depth to Ann street. The buildings on the opposite side of Ann street were somewhat damaged. The tenants were compelled to flee for their lives.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—In the Senate yesterday, McDougall introduced a resolution declaring the occupation of Mexico by the French an act unfriendly to this Government, and demanding the withdrawal of the French army by the 15th of March, on pain of a declaration of war. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it will probably rest forever, as the chairman is very hostile to anything of the kind.

The Herald contains an intercepted rebel letter of Dec. 31st, which says: "Longstreet's forces have joined Lee. The latter has matured and is about to consummate a series of manoeuvres, and albeit bloody battles, too." The writer adds: "The day cannot be far off when we shall embrace each other in Maryland, in the old homestead in Baltimore, beneath the victorious cross of the free, recognized South."

New York, January 13.—The Tribune's Morris Island correspondent says that the rebels have in Charleston harbor two iron-clad steamers, close imitations of the new Ironsides and Dunderberg. In a postscript the correspondent adds

that the rebels have three ironclads building at Charleston. Two of them on the Dunderberg plan.

PHILADELPHIA, January 13.—Last night Gen. Meade made a brief speech, urging his hearers to use every effort to fill his ranks before spring, as the only means to put an end to the rebellion the present year.

The Time's special despatch says: Gen. Hancock has gone North to arrange measures in the several States where his corps were recruited, to increase its number to 50,000, the whole to be destined for special service. Gen. Burnside has authority to do the same.

A Washington letter to the Tribune says that it has been decided to remove the rebel capital to Columbia, South Carolina. The writer is a Union man, lately from the South, where he had been a clerk in the rebel War Department. He also says that the gunboats and ironclads at Richmond are with one exception, ready for service. On the 17th ult. they were ordered to make a demonstration on Hampton Roads but after proceeding a few miles below Drury's Bluffs, the order was countermanded.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—A Washington letter of the 11th says that the Republicans in both houses of the Pennsylvania Legislature have on joint ballot nominated Abraham Lincoln for the next President. Resolutions, with a preamble engrossed on parchment, have been committed to Simon Cameron, to take to Washington and present the same to the President.

A telegram from Gen. Lee announces the capture, in Hardy county, of 123 cattle, 125 mules, and 200 Yankees.

New York, Jan. 14.—A verdict of \$55,000 damages against the city, was rendered to-day in the Court of Common Pleas, in favor of a party for loss of property during the riots in July last.

The Tribune's special says about 1000 rebellious Sioux Indians are fleeing from our army in Minnesota, and are causing much trouble in the vicinity of Selkirk, British America.

A letter from a prominent general officer in the Army of the Potomac, says that Lee's army instead of being depleted, is being increased by conscripts. The writer says the rebels are using strenuous efforts to organize and recruit their cavalry for offensive operations in the spring. The rebel army is encamped between Orange Court House and Gordonsville, and well provided with provisions, though suffering for clothing.

Among the intercepted Lamar correspondence the following to Haston & Lamar has been discovered:

GENTLEMEN.—When you go to Paris, call on Mr. Slidell. Tell him for me, to negotiate for the French Protectorate in case of necessity. The people will gladly accept it in the last extremity. With Mexico, France, and the Confederacy in alliance, and free trade, we would eclipse the world.

G. B. LAMAR.

A resolution to terminate the existing reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States was introduced in the Senate of the latter on the 10th instant.

A telegram says the U. S. steamer Wyoming has gone in pursuit of the Alabama, whose capture of two American ships in the straits of Sunda was reported by the East India mail.

THE VOTES YESTERDAY.—We are pleased to see that independent members are adopting the course of having the Yeas and Nays recorded when an important vote is being given. By this course the votes of members will not only be known to the people of the Colony, but to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as an abstract of the proceedings has to be regularly transmitted to the Colonial Office. The votes given yesterday upon the subject of making the Legislative Council of British Columbia a secret Council will become matter of history, and those gentlemen who by their vote perpetrated such an outrage will not occupy a very enviable position in the history of this Colony.

SHAMEFUL! DISGRACEFUL!! INTOLERABLE!!!—The decision come to by the Legislative Council to exclude both the public and the Press is, perhaps, the most humiliating act of which we have yet had reason to complain. We cannot trust ourselves to write upon the subject under present feelings, and think it best to defer any lengthened remarks till cool reflection has resumed its sway. Meanwhile, we trust the people will not quietly submit to so unwarrantable and dangerous an innovation. Let them petition, remonstrate, protest and agitate until the doors of the Legislature are thrown open, at least to the Press, so that the public may have a faithful account of all that is said and done therein. We cannot yield up so dear a right without degrading ourselves and inflicting a wrong upon posterity.

STILL THEY "LOBBY."—We clip the following from the "London Letter" of the Victoria Chronicle. It is dated Dec. 1st:—"A deputation is waiting for an interview with the Duke of Newcastle, to urge him to delay any final action with respect to the future constitution and separation of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. I believe that their efforts will be ineffectual, and that the policy is decided upon, and also the Governors of the separate Colonies. Mr. Kennedy, the late Governor of Western Australia, has one appointment."

THE ANNIVERSARY OF BURNS' BIRTH.—Monday being the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's immortal Bard, a party of gentlemen celebrated the occasion by a dinner at the Columbia Hotel. The evening passed most agreeably in speech and song, and the party did not break up till far into the "wee sma' hours ayont the wall."

OUR NEW GOVERNOR NOT COMING.—It is now a pretty well ascertained fact that Mr. Kennedy, our reputed new Governor, has not, and is not likely to leave England at present. The reason assigned is that Mr. Kennedy declines to come unless his income is guaranteed before starting. Governor Seymour, it is said, will leave in March.—Colonist.

A FIRE broke out in the City Bakery last evening. The engine was promptly on the spot, but was not required, as the fire was quickly extinguished by means of buckets. Damage very slight.

## Legislative Council.

(SECRET.)

The minutes of previous sitting read and approved. The Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the Governor's speech reported through their Chairman, the Hon. Collector of Customs. The reply was read and passed without discussion. The Committee for preparing Rules of Order reported through their Chairman, the Hon. C. Brew. The code of rules was read clause by clause *seriatim*, and adopted with some slight amendments. Mr. Holbrook moved, seconded by Mr. Homer, That a statement of the tonnage dues collected since 1860 be laid on the table.—Motion carried.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Holbrook gave notice that he would bring in a bill for the establishment of a Road Board for the Douglas-Lillooet road, the Douglas Magistrate to be Chairman thereof. Also, that on Tuesday the 26th he would bring forward a motion to admit the public to the sittings of the Council. Also, that he would bring in a motion to have the Pemberton Meadows surveyed as early as possible. Also, that he would move to have all bills brought before the House printed after the first reading and a copy furnished to each member.

Mr. O'Reilly gave notice that he would bring in a bill to amend the mining laws according to the recommendations of the Miners Board for Cariboo East.

Mr. Homer gave notice that on the 29th inst. he will bring forward a motion asking leave to introduce a bill for the purpose of repealing the customs import duties, and in lieu thereof imposing other rates of import duties. Also, that he will on the same day bring forward a motion asking leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of imposing an export duty on gold.

## TUESDAY'S SITTING.

The Chairman set down the consideration of the Estimates for Thursday next. Mr. Holbrook moved, seconded by Mr. Homer, that application be made to His Excellency the Governor to authorize the survey of Pemberton Meadows in accordance with the request of the people of that District. Considerable discussion took place. It was opposed and voted down on the ground that that could not be done without surveying the whole Colony!! The following is the division: Ayes, Messrs. Homer, Holbrook and Orr; Nays, Messrs. Hamly, Brew, O'Reilly, Ball and Sanders. Moved by Mr. Holbrook, seconded by Mr. Homer, that the public be admitted to hear the debates of the Council. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Brew, seconded by Mr. Orr, That the public be admitted by ticket, each member having the right to issue six. It was further moved in amendment by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Ball, That copies of the minutes be furnished to the press on application, and that no strangers be admitted to the Council Chamber. After considerable discussion Mr. Sanders' amendment was carried by the following division: Ayes, Messrs. Hamly, O'Reilly, Sanders and Ball; Nays, Messrs. BREW, Holbrook, Homer and Orr. There being a tie vote the Chairman gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment. Mr. Holbrook's motion for the printing of bills was introduced, and the Chairman, with the consent of the Council, decided to lay it over till some future day.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Holbrook gave notice that he would again move that the public be admitted by ticket, and that the representatives of the Press be allowed to attend.

## Municipal Council.

Town Hall, January 18th, 1864.

Present, the President, Councillors Manson, Clarkson, Webster, Robson, Murray, Wythe and Calder. A report from the City Surveyor respecting the work on the water front and on Richard street was read, and resolution passed to notify the contractors of certain defects in the work. The tenders for constructing a side walk on the lower side of Columbia street were opened, and the contract awarded to S. W. Handy. Moved by Coun. Clarkson, seconded by Coun. Webster, and *Resolved*, That tenders be invited for cutting down all brushwood and timber on lots 23, 27 and 28 in block 5, and lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, in block 6, tenders to state the price of each lot. The Council then adjourned.

THE DEATH OF LORD ELGIN.—The death of this great, good, and popular British Statesman is announced in the European news. In him the nation has lost one of her best men. Sir John Lawrence, the hero of the Punjab, is to be his successor.

WELL DONE.—The social reunion given by the congregation of Bishop Demers produced the handsome amount of \$1500.

Jones complained of a bad smell about the Post Office, and asked Brown what it could be? Brown didn't know, but suggested that it might be caused by "the dead letters."

A dandy, smoking a cigar, having entered a menagerie, the keeper requested him to take the weed from his mouth, "lest he should teach the other monkeys bad habits."

## New Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

IF BAREFIELD, who authorized me to pay a reward of Fifty Dollars, on two strayed Horses, at the Four-mile Creek, near Quenelle Mouth, does not claim them before the 14th of February, next ensuing, they will be sold to pay expenses. SAMUEL MORROW.

Yale, 18th January, 1864. j23-4d

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between J. McMurphy & Grant, of the "Lochmond House," is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to the late partnership are to be paid to, and all liabilities contracted by the said partnership are to be liquidated by, the said JOHN MCMURPHY.

Lochmond, B. C., Nov. 21, 1863. j26-1m

## New Advertisements.

## THE RETREAT!

Wm. H. Rowling,

IN RETURNING THANKS for past favors, begs to inform his friends and the public generally that in future he intends to keep on hand a stock of

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &amp;c.,

which will be selected with the greatest care, and sold at prices that will compete with those of any house in New Westminster.

In addition he begs to inform those who are fond of a suburban walk and a glass of good ale, that they will always find the best of attention at

## THE RETREAT.

WINES, LIQUORS &amp; CIGARS,

OF THE BEST QUALITY.

All orders punctually attended to.

Goods delivered free of charge.

TERMS CASH.

Sapperton, N. W., 22nd December, 1863. de23-1e

## NOTICE.

WILLIAM WOODCOCK has this day executed a deed of assignment for the benefit of his creditors. All persons to whom the said William Woodcock is indebted are requested to send in their claims to Jules David, or O. Parsons, before the 5th February next, otherwise they will be precluded from any dividend on the estate. The deed is lying for signature at the office of

MR. DRAKE, Solicitor for Assignees. de9

5th December, 1863, Victoria, V. I. de9

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA

MILL COMPANY,

[LIMITED.]

New Westminster,

WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform the Public that they are now prepared to furnish all descriptions of

FIR, CEDAR &amp; SPRUCE

LUMBER,

BOTH ROUGH &amp; DRESSED.

ALSO,

Tongued and Grooved Flooring,

IN ANY QUANTITIES.

From the superior character of the Mill just now completed, and from the facilities which they possess for shipping Lumber—there being sufficient depth of water at the Mill to float vessels of the largest size—they flatter themselves that they will be able to afford as great inducements to Lumber Dealers, and others, as any Mill on the Pacific Coast.

Bills of Lumber, of any dimensions, cut on the short-end notice.

Orders from Shippers or from the Interior are solicited, and will receive prompt and careful attention. Office—At J. A. Webster's Store, Columbia St. J. A. WEBSTER & CO. New Westminster, October 27, 1863. oc28-1e

MUNICIPAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, "to all whom it may concern," that under the provisions of the "New Westminster Nuisances By-Law" they are prohibited from erecting any Verandah, or projecting covering on any street within the Municipality, without previously laying a plan of the same before the Council, and obtaining their consent to its erection.

By order, VALENTINE HALL, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, October 6, 1863. oc7

HICK'S HOTEL!

SMITH &amp; BRIDGMAN,

Proprietors.

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having purchased the establishment hitherto known as "Hanna's Hotel," and having thoroughly renovated and re-furnished it, are now prepared to accommodate regular boarders and transient visitors upon reasonable terms.

THE BAR

Will be constantly supplied with the choicest LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

SMITH & BRIDGMAN. New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 25, 1863. se26-1e

CITY BAKERY

COFFEE SALOON.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has removed to his new and commodious establishment on the

Corner of Columbia and Hall Streets, where he hopes to receive from a generous and discriminating public an extended patronage, commensurate with his increased facilities for accommodating them.

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Fies and Cakes, supplied at all hours, and at reduced rates.

Orders for WEDDINGS and PARTIES promptly attended to. JOSEPH SOREL. New Westminster, March 3, 1863. m4

## New Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

PERSONS are hereby cautioned against negotiating the herein described promissory notes, the same having been lost in Yale on or about the 15th December, 1863:

A Note made by C. Lyndon in favor of Samuel Mitchell for Thirty-six dollars.

A Note made by P. McIntee, in favor of Samuel Mitchell, for Twenty-five dollars.

A Note made by James Ward in favor of Samuel Mitchell, endorsed by P. McIntee, for three hundred dollars, dated Dec. 7th, 1863.

A Note made by John Carragher, in favor of Samuel Mitchell, for Fifty-three dollars.

SAMUEL MITCHELL. Yale, December 21st, 1863. dec30-1m

## FURNITURE!

G. R. ASHWELL,

COLUMBIA STREET,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

Importer and Manufacturer of all kinds of

FURNITURE AND BEDDING,

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REPAIRING NEATLY EXECUTED.

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New Westminster, Oct. 31st, 1863. no4

## D. RAMAGE

HAS JUST RECEIVED A SELECT AS

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NEW WESTMINSTER

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NOTICE is hereby given that tenders will be received by the Municipal Council for the purchase of £2,000 Sterling in Municipal Debentures, of £100 Sterling, each, issued under and by virtue of a By-Law confirmed by His Excellency the Governor of British Columbia, and secured as a first charge on the general revenue of the said City.

The Debentures bear interest at the rate of six per cent., per annum, payable half-yearly, either in London, England, or at the Bank of British Columbia, New Westminster, and shall be redeemable to the amount of £500, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1870, and so on regularly in succession, the amount of £500 being redeemable on the 1st day of November, in each succeeding year, until the whole are paid.

Sufficient Coupons (according to the time the Debentures have to run) will be attached to each Debenture. Tenders will be received until the 15th day of February, 1864.

Parties desiring information, or making proposals will please address the President of the Municipal Council, New Westminster.

By order, VALENTINE HALL, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, New Westminster, Dec. 22, 1863. de23-1d



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The British Columbian.  
NEW WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1864.

Poetry.  
The Beauty Spring at Crowkerne, in Som-  
ershire.

At early dawn, on the first of March,  
She stood by the Beauty Well,  
Of a bonnier maid, or a better maid,  
No man in the town could tell.  
Her skin was white as the wind-drover's bloom;  
Her eyes were hyacinth blue;  
Her breath was sweet as the sweet primrose;  
What did she come there to do?  
"I want," she said, as she laved her face,  
While up rose the glowing sun,  
To be fairer than anything else beside  
To him, my darling one.  
O heaven, that art so rosy, grant  
A part of thy bloom to my cheek!  
Oh, may I be as this water pure,  
As yonder violet meek!  
"For I could not bear that my love should think  
Anything better than I:  
I could not bear that a fairer face  
Should in his memory lie.  
I would that every moment should pass  
In a tender, true career:  
I would my life should be life of his,  
That my love he ever should bless."  
She turned away, and the lark sprang up  
And sang with joy above her;  
And over her sang, than lark more blithe,  
The jubilent heart of her lover.  
She drew more beautiful day by day—  
The reason who shall tell?  
He said 'twas caused by her gentle soul:  
She laid it all to the Well.

The British Columbia Essay.  
[From the "Evening Express."]  
ST. MARY'S PARSONAGE, LILLOOET,  
December 22nd, 1863.

SIR,—I find that exception has been taken in  
some of the public prints to my essay on British  
Columbia on the following grounds:

1. That the printed work is different from the  
original prize essay.
2. That it wears an aspect more favorable to  
the Government.
3. That it designates the anti-government party  
as an "uninfluential clique." (p. 62.)

I admit all three and proceed to explain.

1. Conceiving the Essay hastily written at first  
needed revision, I asked and received permission  
to revise it from the Government whose property  
it was. At the same time I was requested to  
cut it down to about half its former dimensions.  
Thus revised and abridged, the work  
of necessity assumed a form almost entirely new.  
Some have objected to these alterations, but I  
cannot see the force of such objections. It was  
no object to me, nor could it matter to the colony,  
that the printed essay should be precisely the  
thing that gained the prize. It was an object  
to both that the printed essay should give a  
faithful account of the state of the colony so  
far as it was known up to the very latest date.  
Between June 1862, when the original was writ-  
ten, and March '63, when the revised copy left  
my hands, many new facts had come to light.  
The experience of nine months, no inconsiderable  
period in a new country, cannot fail whilst in-  
creasing knowledge, to alter one's views on some  
subjects. Thus, in the revised copy it was  
found necessary to tone down somewhat the  
colours in which the attraction of the Colony for  
immigrants had been painted, and to bring out  
in fuller relief those drawbacks and disadvantages  
which the disastrous summer of '62 brought fully  
to light. I am glad I had an opportunity of do-  
ing this. Newspaper invective based on mis-  
conceptions does not discompose me; but had  
the Essay been sent out to the world in its origi-  
nal form, and had any whom the present publi-  
cation may deter from emigrating been allowed  
to come to the country by the more attractive  
picture then given, and so come unprepared to  
encounter hardships and privations, then indeed  
I should have cause to reproach myself.

2. The arbitrators on the prize essay were  
no doubt right in the main when they consid-  
ered the present pamphlet as more favorable to  
the Government than its predecessor. The reason  
of this is that further reflection and observation  
—observation namely of the conduct of the Gov-  
ernment in the period between June '62 and  
March '63—led to the idea, then entertained pre-  
tently generally, that the Government was really en-  
deavouring to do its duty. It succeeded in col-  
lecting without oppression a wonderfully large  
revenue which it was devoting to the great work  
of opening up the country by road—This work  
it was prosecuting vigorously. There seemed  
no occasion to cavil or find fault.

3. The Essay calls the anti-government party  
"an influential clique at New Westminster." This  
phrase has, it appears, caused bad feeling  
amongst those composing the association so de-  
signated. I need not say that it was not my object  
or intention to hurt the feelings of those per-  
sons in any way. My sole object was to state  
what seemed to me the truth at the time I wrote,  
to describe things and parties as they ap-  
peared to me, and no expression occurred to me  
at that time more accurately defining the position  
occupied by this party. At the same time had  
I fully realized that the phrase would create  
so much ill-feeling in question, I would not have  
used it but I should have sought some form of  
expression which while stating (as truth required)  
that the party was indeed small, local, and with-  
out much weight in the country at large, would  
nevertheless avoid the use of that unpleasant  
little French monosyllable which is supposed to  
mean so very much more than it says.

I am, your faithful servant,  
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tic medicine, particularly for females of all ages and  
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Beware.

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All who are seized with proplexy and paralysis, have  
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on the brain, and we know the rest. Let wives coun-  
sel their husbands, and husbands their wives, never to  
go to bed a second night, if the bowels have not been  
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